REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment, the claims will be 12 to 22.

The above amendment presents claims along the lines set forth in the International Preliminary Examination Report.

Favorable action is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven LEIGH et al.

Bv

Matthew Jacob Registration No. 25,154

Attorney for Applicants

MJ/pjm Washington, D.C. 20006-1021 Telephone (202) 721-8200 Facsimile (202) 721-8250 November 19, 2001